

***ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS***

*In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:*

***Arlington School Committee  
Standing Subcommittee: Budget  
Wednesday, January 27, 2016  
10:00 AM***

*Arlington High School  
Human Resource Conference Room  
869 Mass Avenue, 6th Floor  
Arlington, MA*

*Open Meeting*

*Public Participation*

*Approval of minutes of 12/18/2015*

*Update, discussion of FY 17 funding for schools*

*FY 17 Budget Discussion*

*Outreach to community*

*Old Business*

*New Business*

*Adjournment*

*The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair; which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

*Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.*

*Submitted by Kirsi Allison-Ampe, MD*



## **Town of Arlington, Massachusetts**

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### **Approval of minutes of 12/18/2015**

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Type	File Name	Description
▣ Minutes	Budget_12_18_2015_draft_minute.docx	Budet 12 18 2015 draft

## **Budget Subcommittee Minutes**

Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 2015

Called to order 9:00 am.

Present:

SC: Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Bill Hayner, Jennifer Susse

APS Staff: Kathleen Bodie, Diane Johnson, Laura Chesson, Julie Dunn,

Matt Coleman, Larry Weathers, Rob Spiegel

No public participation.

**Minutes** of 12/7/15 approved 3-0.

### **Discussion of how to present data on enrollment, budget, etc.**

Presentation for Long Range Planning meeting on 12/21/15 and supporting documents were reviewed. Suggestions were made to clarify information.

Committee suggested that table of "asks" be edited to include information about rationale, indicating if line item was needed because of enrollment growth, high needs, unfunded mandates, essential curriculum or other.

Supporting graphics were also discussed, including a graph of how the number of students per teacher has varied over time, as well as other potentially relevant data.

At conclusion of review, decision was made for administration and SC members to alter and/or create documents as discussed in preparation for the 12/21/15 meeting.

### **Substitute Pay Discussion:**

Data on local substitute pay rates was presented by Mr. Hayner and Mr. Spiegel. See attachment. Linda Hanson (AEA) also sent an email explaining the substitute situation from the teacher's point of view.

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Looking at the pay rates, although Arlington's pay is somewhat less than some of the towns, it is not extremely far out of line. Mr. Spiegel also noted that most of the towns are having a difficult time finding adequate substitute coverage. It was not clear that increasing the pay rate would greatly enhance the ability to find substitutes. The committee discussed other ways of increasing the substitute pool, such as sending a notice to parents from the Superintendent, and also reaching out to other community groups such as churches or local list-serves.

### **Budget Outreach Update:**

OMS has agreed to host a budget presentation on 2/26/16. Dr. Susse will contact Thompson to see if they are still interested. Mr. Hayner will contact Stratton.

Next meeting to be scheduled via Doodle.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsi Allison-Ampe

Chair, Budget Subcommittee